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SUBJECT: GREEK NEWS MEDIA REACTION TO SFRC VOTE ON EMBARGO

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1. THE MAY 11 SFRC VOTE ON THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO ISSUES
WAS COVERED IN DETAIL BY NATIONAL NEWS BROADCASTS MAY 12. SOME
BROADCASTS REPORTED THAT SENATOR PELL HAD CALLED FOR A MORE
STRINGENT EMBARGO.

2. TOO LATE FOR THE MORNING PRESS, THE STORY WAS IN ALL
AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS AND COVERAGE WAS BASED PRIMARILY ON WIRE
SERVICE ACCOUNTS. PRO-GOVERNMENT VRADYNI BANNERED "THE EMBARGO
STAYS, 8 SENATORS AGAINST LIFTING, 4 SENATORS SUPPORT." LIBERAL,
OPPOSITON TA NEA HEADLINED "LIFTING OF EMBARGO REJECTED IN SFRC".
THE TA NEA STORY ALONE ALSO NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD
VOTED \$15 MILLION IN AID FOR CYPRUS-THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT
REQUESTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. THE ARTICLE SAID THE SFRC
VOTE FORESHADOWED THE FULL SENATE VOTE. CONSERVATIVE ESTIA
COMMENTED THAT THE SFRC HAD REJECTED LIFTING THE EMBARGO IN
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SPITE OF LOBBYING EFFORTS BY FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE
KISSINGER AND THE PENTAGON.

3. SEVERAL PRESS STORIES ALSO REPORTED FORMER KING
CONSTANTINE'S PRESENCE AT A SOCIAL AFFAIR WITH SENATOR
PELL, WITH ONLY LEFTIST ELEFTHERTOTYPIA STATING HE
WAS PRESENT AT THE SFRC HEARINGS.

4. COMMENT: MEDIA COVERAGE REFLECTS THE CONTINUED
KEEN PUBLIC INTEREST IN EACH STEP OF CONGRESSIONAL
ACTION ON THE EMBARGO PROPOSAL AND THE GENERAL EXPECTA-
TION THAT THE LEGISLATION EVENTUALLY WILL BE DEFEATED.
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